

IN THE CLAIMS

(Please amend Claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 as follows:)

1. (AMENDED) A swivel rocker/recliner chair comprising:  
a seating section having a pair of vertically disposed side walls;

a pair of rocker blocks fixedly secured to said side walls, each said rocker block having a support surface including a curved portion and a generally flat portion;

a base assembly;

a pair of spring assemblies adapted to be secured to said rocker blocks and said base assembly so as to secure said rocker blocks to said base assembly to thereby enable said seating section to rock on said base assembly;

a swivel base member;

a swivel plate assembly fixedly secured to said swivel base member and to said base assembly to allow rotational movement of said base assembly relative to said swivel base member;

each said spring assembly including:

an upper bracket member;

a lower bracket member;

at least [one] a front spring and a rear spring disposed between said upper and lower bracket members;

said upper bracket member including a plurality of apertures and being adapted to be secured to one of said rocker blocks;

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said lower bracket member including a plurality of apertures and being adapted to be secured to a portion of said base assembly, said apertures in said upper and lower bracket members of each said spring assembly being positioned so as to cause a pre-tensioning between said upper and lower bracket members at a rearward portion of each said spring assembly [which causes] such that each said rear spring of said pair of spring assemblies exerts a greater tensioning force than each of said front springs of said pair of spring assemblies, to thereby bias said seating section [to be biased] into a slightly reclined orientation prior to said seating section being occupied by a seat occupant.

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5. (AMENDED) A swivel recliner/rocker chair comprising:  
a seating section having a pair of parallel disposed side walls, a seat back and a seat section;

a rocker block secured to an inner side portion of each of said side walls, said rocker blocks having a curved portion and a generally flat portion;

a base assembly;

a pair of spring assemblies for securing said seating to said base assembly for reclining movement relative to said base assembly, each said spring assembly including an upper bracket member, a lower bracket member, and a [plurality of springs] front spring and a rear spring secured therebetween, said upper bracket member of each said spring assembly being secured to a respective one of said rocker blocks and said lower bracket member of each said spring assembly being secured to a portion of said base assembly such that each said rear spring exerts a greater tensioning force than each said front spring, to thereby cause said rocker blocks, and thus said seating section, [are] to be biased into a slightly reclined position relative to said base assembly when said <sup>chair</sup> ~~chain~~ is unoccupied, and wherein said flat portions of said rocker blocks operate to limit reclining movement of said seating section to a predetermined degree;

a swivel base member; and

a swivel plate assembly for securing said base assembly to said swivel base member to permit rotational movement of said base assembly relative to said swivel base member.

7. (AMENDED) The swivel recliner/rocker chair of claim 5, wherein said base assembly is secured to said swivel plate assembly such that said base assembly is positioned off of a geometric center of said swivel base member, to thereby inhibit rocking of said swivel base member when said seating section is urged into a fully reclined position by [said] an occupant.

8. (AMENDED) A swivel recliner/rocker chair comprising:  
a seating section having a pair of parallel disposed side walls, a seat back, and a seat member;

a rocker block securely affixed to an inner side portion of each of said side walls, each said rocker block including a support surface having curved portion and a generally flat portion;

a<sup>3</sup> base assembly having a pair of side members spaced apart by a distance in accordance with a spacing of said rocker blocks, a rear support member and a front support member secured to said side members, and a swivel support member;

a pair of spring assemblies associated with said rocker blocks, each said spring assembly including an upper bracket member, a lower bracket member [and a pair of coil springs], a front coil spring and a rear coil spring, said upper bracket member of each said spring assembly being adapted to be fixedly secured to an associated one of said rocker blocks and said lower bracket member of each said spring assembly being adapted to be secured to an associated one of said side members of said base assembly such that said support surface of each said rocker block rests upon a portion of a respective one of said side members, and further such that [one of] said [pair of] rear coil springs